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1. ALL THREE MORNING DAILIES JULY 11 GAVE FRONT PAGE (ONE HEADLINED "FILININA POWER") ATTENTION TO PRESS CONFERENCE DAY BEFORE BY SECRETARY OF SOCIAL WELFARE ESTEFANIA ALDABA LIM, REPORTING ON PHILIPPINE ROLE AT UN-SPONSORED WCIWY IN MEXICO CITY. PRESS NOTED THAT MRS. LIM, CHAIRPERSON OF 16-MEMBER OFFICIAL DELEGATION, HAD BEEN ELECTED AS ONE OF VICE-PRESIDENTS AS WELL AS CHAIRPERSON OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

2. IN ATTEMPT SET RECORD STRAIGHT, LIM POINTED OUT IT WAS UNOFFICIAL TRIBUNE MEETING NOT OFFICIAL UN CONFERENCE SEVERAL MILES AWAY WHICH HAD BEEN PUBLICIZED AS "CHAOTIC" DUE TO DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY RAISING OF POLITICAL ISSUES SUCH AS RACISM, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, AND APARTHEID. TRIBUNE MEETING, AS RESULT, APPEARED HAVE ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING SIGNIFICANT. EVEN UN CONFERENCE HAD ITS "EMOTIONAL MOMENTS," SAID LIM, CITING DEBATES AND WALKOUTS INVOLVING

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ARAB AND ISRAELI DELEGATIONS, THE CHINESE VERSUS RUSSIANS,

AND ISSUES INVOLVING CHILEANS AND PANAMANIAN.

3. LIM DECLARED OFFICIAL PHIL DELEGATION HAD EARNED REPUTATION BEING "SERIOUS" AND "HARDWORKING" SHE LISTED THREE PHILIPPINE RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN ADOPTED AND INCORPORATED IN CONFERENCE'S WORLD PLAN OF ACTION: (1) PROPOSED 10-YEAR UN FUND FOR WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT IN THIRD WORLD, (2) A NON-POLITICAL PEACE RESOLUTION, AND (3) A SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDICATORS RESOLUTION TO EVALUATE WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT. LIM STRESSED FACT THAT PEACE RESOLUTION WAS ONLY NON-POLITICAL RESOLUTION ON PEACE PROPOSED TO A CONFERENCE WHICH ITSELF "WAS DIVERTED AGAIN AND AGAIN BY POLITICAL CONCERNS."

4. FINALLY, SECRETARY LIM ANNOUNCED THAT WORLD PLAN OF ACTION TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN PHILIPPINES THROUGH NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ROLE OF WOMEN HEADED BY LETICIA PEREZ DE GUZMAN. COMMISSION TO MEET SOON TO DRAFT COUNTRY'S PROGRAM.

5. COMMENT: IWY HAS RECEIVED AND CONTINUES RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN PHILIPPINES. MUCH OF PUBLICITY, OF COURSE, DIRECTLY TIED TO MRS. IMELDA MARCOS' PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES BOTH HERE AND IN MEXICO CITY. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW VIGOROUS PHIL WCIWY FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM WILL BE.
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